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SUBJECT: AUG. 1 ASAHI REPORT ON U.S.-JAPAN FISHERY NEGOTIATIONS

1. AUG. 1 ASAHI SHIMBUN (PAGE 1) REPORT ON GOJ POSITIONS FOR U.S.-JAPAN FISHERY NEGOTIATIONS STATED THAT WITHIN GOJ THE VIEW THAT THE 200 MILE FISHERY ZONE HAS BECOME A WORLD TREND IS GAINING STRENGTH. THE ARTICLE QUOTED FONOFF SOUCES AS SAYING THAT JAPAN WILL HAVE TO RECOGNIZE U.S. 200 MILE JURISDICTION IN ORDER TO RETAIN ITS FISH CATCH BUT THAT GOJ AS A MATTER OF POLICY WILL NOT PUBLICLY ANNOUNCE WHETHER IT WILL OR WILL NOT RECOGNIZE U.S. 200 MILE JURISDICTION.

2. ACCORDING TO ASAHI, THE GOJ WILL TRY TO AVOID COMPLETE CAPITULATION TO U.S. DEMANDS BY A) RETAINING FOR JAPAN THE RIGHT TO HANDLE VIOLATIONS OF THE AGREEMENT BY JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS. B) HAVING FISHING FEES DESCRIBED AS "FISHERY CONSERVATION COOPERATIVE FEES" (SIMILAR TO PRESENT JAPAN-AUSTRALIA AGREEMENT). C) INCORPORATING INTO THE AGREEMENT A MECHANISM FOR REFLECTING JAPANESE ASSERTIONS IN DECISIONS ON CATCH QUOTAS.

3. IN CONSLUSION THE ARTICLE PREDICTED THAT THE FORTHCOMING U.S.-JAPAN NEGOTIATINS WILL B EVEN MORE PROTRACTED AND DIFFICULT THAN JAPAN-SOVIET NEGOTIATIONS BECAUS THE U.S. SHOWED AN "EXTREMELY RIGID" ATTITUDE
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AT THE JUNE PRELIMINARY TALKS, THE U.S.-JAPAN NEGOTIATIONS

WILL LEAD THE WAY TO THE 200 MILE ERA, TH RESULTS
WILL HAVE ENROMOUS IMPACT ON THE FUTURE OF THE JAPANESE
FISHING INDUSTRY, AND THE OUTCOME OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL
BE AFFECTED BY THE CONCURRENT LOS SESSION.
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